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Via Electronic Mail: 67348-91632305@requests.muckrock.com

Mr. Paul Gottinger
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RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. BOEM-2019-00072

Dear Mr. Gottinger:

This letter is in reference to your FOIA request dated January 12, 2019 and received by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on January 28, 2019. Your request is assigned number BOEM-2019-00072. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

Description of the Requested Records

You requested:

A copy of records documenting the number of employees of [BOEM] who were terminated/retired, or left the bureau for any reason, for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, as well as a copy of records documenting the number of new employees hired to work for [BOEM] in the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.

Fee Category

Our regulations require that your FOIA request contain sufficient information for us to determine your proper fee category. In your, you state “[You are] a career journalist with work that has appeared at The Daily Beast among other publications.” As a freelance reporter, our regulations require you to demonstrate these is a solid basis for expecting publication.

Therefore, we have classified you as an “other-use” requester. As such, we may charge you for some of our search and duplication costs, but we will not charge you for our review costs; you are also entitled to up to 2 hours of search time and 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free. *See* 43 C.F.R. § 2.39. If, after taking into consideration your fee category entitlements, our processing costs are less than \$50.00, we will not bill you because the cost of

collection would be greater than the fee collected. *See* 43 C.F.R. § 2.37(g). We do not anticipate the fees for your request will exceed these entitlements.

Mediation Services

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National Archives and Records Administration
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College Park, MD 20740-6001

Email: ogis@nara.gov
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Conclusion

If you have any questions concerning your request, you may contact us by email at boemfoia@boem.gov; by fax at (703) 787-1209; by phone at (703) 787-1818; or by postal mail at: FOIA Office; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Mail Stop: VAM-BOEM DIR; 45600 Woodland Road; Sterling, VA 20166.

Sincerely,



X

Natasha Alcantara
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